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Columbia Man Found Guilty of Indecent Exposure and Disorderly Conduct

Ellicott City, MD (June 14, 2019) – After a two-day bench trial, Howard County Circuit Court Judge John J. Kuchno found Andrew James Cleary, age 30, guilty of two counts of indecent exposure and two counts of disorderly conduct for exposing his genitalia and fondling himself in front of teenage girls in two separate incidents last year.

On March 29, 2018, members of the Atholton High School girls' track team were running in the neighborhood when they saw a man expose his genitalia and masturbate inside his parked vehicle in the immediate area of Fair Oaks and Freetown Road in Columbia. The students reported the incident to school administration and police were called to the scene to investigate.

Approximately two weeks later, on April 16, 2018, some of the same students from Atholton High School were participating in track practice on Quarterstaff Road in Columbia when they observed the same man in the same vehicle masturbating again.

A witness later identified Cleary, through a photo array, as the person involved in both incidents.

Howard County Circuit Court Judge John J. Kuchno presided over the case. Assistant State Attorneys' Dillon Yeung and Lisa Romano prosecuted the case.

Sentencing for Cleary is scheduled for July 11, 2019.

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